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Silvopastoralism and Agroforestry for Forage Production

Message from the Guest Editors

Climate change is prompting a rethink of fodder production worldwide. The use of fodder trees could be one of the keys for adaptation and mitigation of the effects of climate change, due to their high resistance to droughts, the persistent forage quality of their leaves, their ability to store carbon in the soil, and the provision of other important ecosystem services to society. Adapting ancient forms of fodder use (e.g., silvopastoral systems) to the actual situation and/or integrating trees into permanent grasslands (e.g., by creating fodder tree hedgerows) could garner promising solutions to ensure the future sustainability of livestock production systems. In this Special Issue, we welcome novel research, reviews, and opinion pieces covering all related topics indicated above on how trees could provide sustainable forage resources and other ecosystem services in the context of climate change.

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